This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-15 and add new claims 16-29 as follows:

16. (New) A method of sharing data in a computer system comprising a plurality of business applications and at least one analytical application, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic document from one of the plurality of business applications;

determining based on one or more document attributes if one or more listener modules have subscribed to receive information from the electronic document; and

for each of one or more listener modules that have subscribed to receive information from the electronic document, the listener module:

extracting only that information that the listener module requires;

transforming the extracted information into a format utilized by the at least one analytical application; and

providing the transformed information to the at least one analytical application.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the plurality of business applications output electronic documents in a plurality of data formats and the step of determining comprises determining based on one or more document attributes, and without converting the electronic document to a different format, if one or more listener modules have subscribed to receive information from the electronic document.

18. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one analytical application is a data warehouse.

19. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein each of the listener modules is an extraction schema that can transform information from different document types into the format utilized by the at least one analytical application.

20. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the electronic document is an XML document.

21. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising a listener interface for each listener module, the listener interface providing an interface between the server and the listener module.

22. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the listener interface can be configured via an XML property file.

23. (New) A connection tool in a computer system comprising a plurality of business applications each outputting electronic documents, the tool comprising:

one or more listener modules, each associated with at least one document subscription specifying which type or types of electronic documents from which the listener module wants to receive information;

a server for receiving electronic documents from the plurality of business applications and, for each electronic document received, determining based on one or more document attributes and the at least one document subscription which, if any, of the listener modules have subscribed to receive information from the received electronic document; and

for each of one or more listener modules that have subscribed to receive information from the electronic document, the listener module:

extracting only that information that the listener module requires;

transforming the extracted information into a format utilized by at least one analytical application; and

providing the transformed information to the at least one analytical application.

24. (New) The connection tool according to claim 23, wherein the plurality of business applications output electronic documents in a plurality of data formats and wherein the server determines based on one or more document attributes, and without converting the electronic document to a different format, if one or more listener modules have subscribed to receive information from the electronic document.

25. (New) The connection tool according to claim 23, wherein the at least one analytical application is a data warehouse.

26. (New) The connection tool according to claim 23, wherein each of the listener modules is an extraction schema that can transform information from different document types into the format utilized by the at least one analytical application.

27. (New) The connection tool according to claim 23, wherein the electronic document is an XML document.

28. (New) The connection tool according to claim 23, further comprising a listener interface for each listener module, the listener interface providing an interface between the server and the listeners.

29. (New) The connection tool according to claim 28, wherein the listener interface can be configured via an XML property file.